GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:271
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2002
LNG TO INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS AND POWER PLANTS IN STATES
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received the request from some State Governments to provide Liquified Natural Gas for various industrial undertakings and power plants there;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a vast network of Liquified Natural Gas for providing unadulterated and inexpensive fuel for primary sector projects especially for power plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the estimated cost of the project; and

(f) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 271 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2002 REGARDING LNG TO INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS AND POWER PLANTS IN STATES.

(a) to (f): Various State Governments such as, Kerala and Gujarat, have been requesting for expeditious completion of Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) terminals at Kochi and Dahej, and additional allocation of natural gas for the State Power Projects.

However, the import of LNG is on Open General Licence (OGL). There are various initiatives including private, which have obtained approval of Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) for import of LNG to India and setting up LNG terminals with regasification facilities and distribution of regasified LNG to consumers. A statement of such initiatives is given in Annexure.

The re-gasified LNG from the 5.0 million tonnes per annum (MMTPA) capacity and 2.5 MMTPA capacity LNG terminals proposed to be set up by Petronet LNG Limited at an estimated cost of Rs.3,400 crore at Dahej in Gujarat and at an estimated cost of Rs.2,000 crore at Kochi in Kerala respectively will be marketed to consumers through Gas Authority of India Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited.